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THE J. L. C.

With the close of the holy season the Jewish Literary Society will resume its labors. As every literary society in the world, this one did a minimum of work during the summer months, but now finds itself ready to increase in its efforts for the coming year and do even better work than the previous season. Mere social pleasure, though a constituent element of the organization is but a side issue, the main work consists of the effort to improve the moral and religious welfare of its members. For, though our attainments be never so great there is always room for improvement.

Last year's work was very successful. There was a series of literary meetings with interesting programs, a series of debates that required study on the part of the debaters, and—most important of all—a series of lessons in Hebrew, Bible, and History, which were made very interesting by the instructor, Rabbi Dr. Willner. In fact, too much cannot be said in regard to these Thursday evening sessions, and only those who attended can appreciate how much of interest can be found in the study of even the elements of Hebrew if so good a teacher as our rabbi proved himself to be, presents the facts. There was nothing dry in even the most obtruse subject. The lessons in History showed us how great were the services of these United States by our co-religionists in the early days of struggle, and the Bible readings proved not only the beauty of the portions

read, as literature, but threw a good deal of light on the customs, viewpoints and ideas of the Jews both ancient and modern.

All this work is to be resumed this winter. The first literary meeting will take place in Adath Yeshurun Synagogue on Sunday, October 25th, the first debate will be held in November, and the study circle will reorganize on Thursday, October 29th.

To be sure, there are cavillers; the society would not be of any account if it had not some "knockers." There are just five questions which might be asked anyone who puts himself on a high pedestal and deems himself competent to complain of lack of interest:

Are you an interested member yourself?

How many literary meetings did you attend?

How many of those highly interesting and instructive Thursday night classes did you attend?

At how many debates were you present?

And, finally, how many times during the last winter did you attend religious services, and profit by the sermons?

If your answer to these questions is not a satisfactory one, why do you complain of other people's disregard; would it not be better to consider your own actions first?

Let us hope that the coming season will be an improvement on the last in every respect. At any rate, it cannot be denied that of all good institutions in this city, one of the best and most profitable for the young people is the J. L. S.—Z. b. S. H.

A recent display of Jewish spirit revealed itself following the publication of an article by General Bingham, Police Commissioner of New York, regarding proportion of crimes committed, and in which the Jews were placed at the top of the list, said article being accepted and

published by one of the leading periodicals of the country, adding great weight to the article.

Such slander of a law-abiding people demanded immediate denial, and the most satisfying result was the retraction by General Bingham himself in the same magazine publishing the original article, with the statement that his article was based upon statistics from an unreliable source.

A great deal of harm was done, because the slander received a welcome in certain quarters, which the denial could not efface. When men occupying lofty offices besmirch the character of a people whose life is clean, law-abiding, law-fearing indignation should be so thoroughly aroused as to remove such person from supreme command in a city containing more Jewish inhabitants than any other city in America.

But the most serious blunder committed is the classification of races. Among all people, all classes will be found the worthy and unworthy, and when there be one that is unworthy and by conduct brings the arm of the law down on him, no regard should be had to whether he be a Jew or Gentile. American citizenship demands American treatment. "A fig for your feuds and vendettas; German and Frenchman, Irishman and Englishman, Jew and Russian—into the crucible with you all; God is making the American."—M.

Miscellaneous Cullings.

Colorado Springs will have a new temple to cost almost \$10,000. The lot was donated by Gen. W. J. Palmer.

The National Council of Jewish Women have sent out circulars announcing they will hold their tri-annual meeting in Cincinnati December 1 to 8.

The Shelter Home for Jewish children was dedicated Septem-

ber 20 at Denver, Colo. The exercises were in charge of the President, Mrs. J. W. Larver.

Mr. Max Levine died September 26 in his 46th year at Bonham, Texas. Dr. Greenberg officiated. The Pythians conducting the ceremony at the grave.

An orthodox synagogue was dedicated at Pueblo recently. The president, Mr. A. Feinberg, and several other prominent men in the community made speeches.

At San Francisco congregation Keneseth Israel was presented with a temple a few days before Rosh Hashonah by Mr. Wm. Wolf.

Owing to the illness of Rabbi M. Samfield, of Memphis, the services at his temple are being conducted by a substitute.

Congregation Adath Jeshuren installed Rev. Herman A. Rubenowitz as rabbi of its congregation at Louisville, Ky., on September 18, 1908.

During the holy days Jewish emigrants were allowed to hold services in a room set aside for them by Commissioner of Emigration Robt. Wachborn of New York City.

While playing around the stove in her home, little Julia Rosenblum, age four years, of Memphis, Tenn., was so severely burned that death ensued.

Rabbi Abraham D. Price, of Baltimore, Md., will, in a few weeks from now, visit the Carolinas in behalf of the Jewish Southern immigration movement. Rabbi Price, besides being a very powerful and forceful orator, is considered one of the several greatest Talmudic scholars of America.

ADATH YESHURUN SERVICES.

Sabbath, Oct. 10, Shmini Atzereth; Sunday, Oct. 11, Simchath Torah. Evening services at 7 o'clock, morning services at 8. English sermon Friday evening, subject, Show Your Colors. German sermon Sabbath morning, subject, Other Worldliness. Michael Messinger will be Bar Mitzvah on Sunday.